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Profile



Slater Elza's practice focuses on representing businesses and governmental entities in litigation and general matters. As a litigator, Slater has tried over 125 matters through verdict in state courts, federal courts and arbitrations. He has handled significant litigation in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Indiana, Wisconsin, Virginia and Pennsylvania for clients. Understanding his clients is very important to Slater as he considers himself more than legal counsel – he solves problems. Slater believes in a team approach that places the best Underwood attorneys for any matter on the case.

Slater's non-governmental clients include numerous Texas municipalities, multiple healthcare providers, an international agricultural corporation and various regional and nationally recognized insurance companies. Slater has handled multiple medical malpractice cases and administrative law matters for medical professionals, hospital districts and hospitals.

He serves as Past-President for the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, a statewide organization of personal injury defense, civil trial and commercial litigation attorneys, and is a former treasurer and director for the Amarillo Area Bar Association. Slater serves on the Litigation Council for the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas and is the elected Second Vice-President for the Texas City Attorneys Association. He was recently elected to serve a three-year term as The Texas State Representative for Defense Research Institute ("DRI").

Slater also is a selected/invited member of The Association of Defense Trial Attorneys ("ADTA"), The International Association of Defense Counsel ("IADC") and The Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel ("FDCC"). Slater regularly speaks around the State on litigation and local government issues.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Healthcare
- Municipal

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- Employment
- Criminal Litigation

Bar/Court Admissions

- [State Bar of Texas](#), 1997
- [U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit](#)
- [U.S. District Court, Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western District of Texas](#)

Education

- [Texas Tech University School of Law](#)
 - J.D., 1997; Phi Delta Phi, honorary academic fraternity
- [Texas Tech University](#)
 - B.S., 1993, with honors

Affiliations

- [Texas Association of Defense Counsel](#), Executive Vice President
- [Texas City Attorney's Association](#), Board of Directors
- Defense Research Institute (DRI) – Governmental Liability Committee and School and Education Law Committee
- Texas Municipal League, Associate Member, 2003-Present
- Texas Municipal League Legislative Committee on Utilities and Transportation, 2016 - 2018
- Amarillo Bar Association, 1997-Present; 2003-04 Sec./Treas.; 2010-12 Executive Committee
- Texas Supreme Court, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee Sub-Committee Chairman, 2012-2015
- Litigation Council, State Bar of Texas, 2018-present
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, 2017-present
- Texas City Attorneys Association, 2003-Present; Elected State Board Member, 2015-Present